Major Cracks in Buildings Due to Earthquake

4082. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that due to earthquake on 26th January, 2001 a large number of Government and Private Buildings in the Capital have developed major cracks;

(b) if so, the facts and the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have decided to provide any assistance in this regard; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) and (b) Municipal Corporation of Delhi have stated that School Buildings Dispensaries and Staff Quarters under their jurisdiction were inspected in view of the earthquake on January 26, 2001. No visible damage or major cracks were noticed and also no complaints from any Municipal Departments and private builder regarding damage of property have been received so far by them.

CPWD have stated that no major cracks have developed in any Government Buildings under their maintenance. Some Government Buildings have developed hairline cracks in partition walls. Minor cracks have been observed in some old bungalows in LBZ area. Non-structural cracks have been observed in partition walls of Lok Nayak Bhawan, Janpath Bhawan and Supreme Court Building. Fillings in expansion joints have come off at some places.

Public Works Department of Delhi Government, which is responsible for the maintenance of Police Headquarters, have informed that they have inspected the building and it was found that one piece of marble cladding on the pillar wall separating the lobby area of the 5th

floor of the building and the toilet had cracks. This crack was superficial and not of serious nature as building had been designed and constructed to withstand the forces of nature due to earthquake or high wind speed.

No such case in Delhi Development Authority managed area has been brought to the notice of DDA.

(c) and (d) In view of reply at (a) and (b), it is not necessary. However, CPWD after detailed scrutiny of the buildings under their maintenance, is taking up repair works with concurrence of the occupying Departments.

Proper Maintenance of Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat

4083. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) The details of the present official set-up responsible for proper maintenance, upkeep and security of the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in Delhi;

(b) whether it has come to the notice of Government that presently there is no check or restrictions for political rallyists and other gatherings etc. to enter in large numbers in the Samadhi area and thereby disturb the peaceful and clean environs of the Samadhi Complex; and

(c) if so, the steps taken to ensure to keep the Samadhi Complex and its vicinity clear, secure and in proper shape and free from rallyists, hawkers, etc.?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Rajghat Samadhi Committee, a statutory body is responsible for proper maintenance, upkeep and security of Rajghat Samadhi. This Committee consists of 12 Members including its Chairman. The Committee gets its civil, electrical and horticultural maintenance work done through CPWD.

(b) No political rallies and other gatherings are allowed inside the